

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SURVEY RESULTS
Circuit Court Judges
June, 1999

Number of surveys from each county

	Counties Only
County name	
MILWAUKEE	26
DANE	17
WAUKESHA	11
RACINE	8
BROWN	7
KENOSHA	6
WINNEBAGO	6
EAU CLAIRE	5
OUTAGAMIE	5
LACROSSE	4
WALWORTH	4
WASHINGTON	4
COLUMBIA	3
DODGE	3
FOND DU LAC	3
MANITOWOC	3
OZAUKEE	3
PORTAGE	3
ROCK	3
SAUK	3
SHEBOYGAN	3
BARRON	2
DOOR	2
DUNN	2
GRANT	2
JEFFERSON	2
MARATHON	2
MONROE	2
ONEIDA	2
POLK	2
ST.CROIX	2
WAUPACA	2
WOOD	2
Other	37
Totals	191



"OTHER" category represents 37 counties that returned one survey apiece

Do you ever recommend the use of specific ADR methods?

Yes	76.1%
No	23.9%
Totals	100.0%

If yes, please estimate the % of cases in which you recommend the following methods:

** The following answers represent the % of judges (right-hand column) who recommend the indicated ADR method in a certain % of cases (left-hand column)*

MEDIATION	
100%	44.4%
90%	13.2%
95%	7.6%
50%	5.6%
25%	4.2%
80%	4.2%
99%	4.2%
98%	2.8%
15%	2.1%
60%	2.1%
10%	1.4%
70%	1.4%
75%	1.4%
96%	1.4%
97%	1.4%
Other	2.8%
Totals	100.0%

FOCUS GROUP	
5%	66.7%
Other	33.3%
Totals	100.0%

MINI TRIAL	
1%	30.8%
5%	30.8%
2%	15.4%
10%	15.4%
Other	7.7%
Totals	100.0%

NON-BINDING ARBITRATION	
5%	31.4%
10%	31.4%
1%	14.3%
2%	8.6%
50%	5.7%
Other	8.6%
Totals	100.0%

SUMMARY JURY TRIAL	
2%	28.0%
1%	24.0%
10%	24.0%
5%	12.0%
Other	12.0%
Totals	100.0%

OTHER	
2%	38.5%
5%	15.4%
10%	15.4%
Other	30.8%
Totals	100.0%

How frequently do you order civil litigants to use some form of ADR?

Case-by-case decision	63.2%
Every civil case	31.6%
Only for certain other types of civil cases	3.5%
Only for contested small claims actions	1.8%
Totals	100.0%

Do you or your staff use any formal method to keep track of the frequency of ADR use?

Yes	8.7%
No	91.3%
Totals	100.0%

If NO, do you see a benefit to creating such a mechanism?

Yes	49.4%
No	50.6%
Totals	100.0%

Do you or your staff use any formal method to keep track of the results and outcomes of cases where you order ADR use?

Yes	58.2%
No	41.8%
Totals	100.0%

If NO, do you see a benefit to creating such a mechanism?

Yes	58.2%
No	41.8%
Totals	100.0%

If a civil case settles, are you typically aware of why this occurred?

Yes	62.6%
No	37.4%
Totals	100.0%

Other than in Family and uncontested small claims cases, at what point in the process do you typically order ADR?

As part of the scheduling orders	83.9%
Following discovery, but before trial	21.7%
Prior to the discovery phase	0.6%
Totals	*

* Note: Multiple answers can total over 100%.

After 90 days of filing	74.6%
Between 30 and 90 days after filing	23.7%
Within the first 30 days of filing	1.8%
Totals	*

* Note: Multiple answers can total over 100%.

Do you ever refer parties to a specific ADR provider?

Only when requested to do so	38.3%
Yes	34.4%
No	27.2%
Totals	100.0%

Overall in your County, is counsel generally supportive or resistant to ADR?

Generally supportive	94.3%
Generally resistant	5.7%
Totals	100.0%

Would you be willing to serve as a resource to others with questions concerning your experience with ADR tools?

Yes	70.6%
No	29.4%
Totals	100.0%

END OF SURVEY